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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SPAIN

REF: MADRID 4958 AND STATE 125292

1. PREPARATION OF TEXT OF AGREEMENT HAS BEEN DELAYED AND  
WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY. PRESENTATION OF DRAFT TO  
SPANISH AUTHORITIES SHOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR EMBASSY  
AND DEA REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS AND CLARIFY CERTAIN  
POINTS WITH THEM IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MORE COMPLETE RECORD  
WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE CONGRESS THAT  
THIS PROGRAM RESULTS FROM A JOINT UNDERTAKING BETWEEN  
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS THAT CERTAIN EQUIPMENT, HOWEVER MODEST  
IN OVERALL AMOUNT, IS BEING OFFERED TO SPAIN TO SUPPLE-  
MENT AND ENHANCE SPANISH DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AND  
CAPABILITIES. A PROGRAM JUSTIFICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED  
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AS AN UNCLASSIFIED STATEMENT TO THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-

TEES, WHO RETAIN AUTHORITY TO DISALLOW ANY PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT APPEAR TO THEM TO BE JUSTIFIED.

2. FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND, AND FOR EVENTUAL USE IN DISCUSSION WITH THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES, THE PRINCIPAL POINTS WE HAVE IN MIND IN RELATION TO A SPANISH PROGRAM ARE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT LAST MARCH ON THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM FOR FISCAL 1975 STATED THAT QUOTE THE COMMITTEE FEELS STRONGLY THAT IT IS NOT THE PURPOSE OF THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM TO GIVE THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS ACCESS TO A CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF FREE POLICE EQUIPMENT, MUCH OF WHICH IS POSSIBLY BEING USED FOR PURPOSES UNRELATED TO CONTROL OF DRUG TRAFFIC. THE COMMITTEE THEREFORE RECOMMENDS A SHARP REDUCTION IN EQUIPMENT NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO INCREASING THE RECIPIENTS DRUG TRAFFIC CONTROL EFFORT. CONGRESS DID NOT INTEND THAT THE ACTIVITY BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. UNQUOTE.

(B) IN A STATEMENT TO THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON MAY 6 AMBASSADOR VANCE RESPONDED TO THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPH IN STATING THAT QUOTE WITH REGARD TO THE COMMITTEE'S VERY REASONABLE CONCERN THAT THIS EQUIPMENT MIGHT BE DIVERTED FROM THE NARCOTICS PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT IS CONTRIBUTED, LET ME SAY THIS. I HAVE PERSONALLY REVIEWED EACH COUNTRY PROJECT AND I AM SATISFIED THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT RISK OF DIVERSION. ALMOST ALL COUNTRIES WHICH RECEIVE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT HAVE SPECIAL NARCOTICS UNITS FOR WHICH THE EQUIPMENT IS EXCLUSIVELY INTENDED. WE HAVE IN EACH CASE THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT'S AGREEMENT AND WE ALSO HAVE, IN EACH RECIPIENT COUNTRY, AMERICAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL WHO ARE WORKING WITH THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT'S NARCOTICS POLICE AND WOULD KNOW IF IMPORTANT DIVERSION OCCURRED. MOREOVER, WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED, SINCE THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT WAS RECEIVED BY US, ONCE AGAIN BY OUR RESPECTIVE MISSIONS THAT ALL THE EQUIPMENT WE HAVE FURNISHED IS STILL BEING USED FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS GRANTED. UNQUOTE. IN THE CASE OF SPAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE MISSION WOULD BE EXPECTED TO REPORT PROMPTLY ANY EVIDENCE THAT EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED BY THE US IS NOT BEING USED PRIMARILY IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT WORK, ALTHOUGH NO PRECISE END-USE MONITORING PROCEDURES WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITH THE GOS.

(C) BEFORE ENTERING INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN P'D NEED TO HAVE IN HAND ADEQUATE INFORMATION FROM THE MISSION

TO PREPARE A NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS, UNDER SECTION 113  
OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, INDICATING THE CONTENT  
AND PURPOSE OF THE INTENDED SPANISH EQUIPMENT PROGRAM, IN-  
CLUDING A STATEMENT OF PRECISELY WHICH SPANISH ORGANIZA-  
TIONS WILL USE THE EQUIPMENT AND FOR WHAT PRIMARY PUR-  
POSES, AND A STATEMENT THAT THIS IS A JOINT EFFORT. FOR  
THIS LAST REASON WE TOOK NOTE OF THE STATEMENT IN MADRID  
3074 THAT QUOTE I RECOGNIZE THAT THE SPANISH CAN BUY

SOME OF THIS EQUIPMENT AND IT WILL BE MY AIM TO ENCOURAGE  
THEM TO DO SO UNQUOTE WHEN WE STATED IN STATE 125292 THAT  
QUOTE WE BELIEVE THAT BEFORE THE US PROVIDES EQUIPMENT  
SPANISH AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE APPROACHED TO DETERMINE  
WHETHER THE GOS COULD PURCHASE SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT  
UNQUOTE ON THE EMBASSY LIST. WE WILL WANT TO INCLUDE A  
GENERAL STATEMENT IN THE NOTIFICATION REGARDING THE RELA-  
TIONSHIP OF OUR PROGRAM TO PAST AND PRESENT SPANISH EQUIP-  
MENT ACQUISITIONS FROM THEIR OWN RESOURCES. WE SHOULD BE  
IN A POSITION TO INDICATE UNAMBIGUOUSLY TO THE CONGRESS  
THAT THIS IS A JOINT PROGRAM AND NOT LEAVE THE IMPRESSION  
THAT IT WOULD BE A UNILATERAL US GESTURE TO SPAIN TO EN-  
COURAGE AND ENLIST THEIR CONTINUING COOPERATION IN THE  
DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORT. UNDER THE LEGISLATION THE CON-  
GRESS, AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION OF THE SPANISH ASSIS-  
TANCE PROGRAM, HAS FIFTEEN DAYS TO INDICATE ANY DISAPPROVAL  
OF THE PROGRAM.

3. OUR INTENTION IS THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT TO BE FOR-  
WARDED TO THE EMBASSY WILL BE COUCED IN GENERAL TERMS.  
THIS COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A MORE PRECISE MEMORANDUM  
OF UNDERSTANDING. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE SIMILAR  
TO THE ONE WITH MEXICO, WHICH WAS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE  
ABOUT WHAT APPEARED IN THE BASIC AGREEMENT AND ABOUT PUB-  
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LICITY REGARDING THE ORIGIN OF THE EQUIPMENT. INGERSOLL

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